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Effective October 1, 2001

Application or Docket Number

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2001P075-944501

## CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

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(Column 2)

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FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5 minus 3 =	* 2
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(Column 1)

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	Independent	* 5	Minus	*** 5	=
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OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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BASIC FEE	370.00
X\$ 9=	
X42=	
+140=	
TOTAL	

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	740.00
X\$18=	
X84=	168
+280=	
TOTAL	908

SMALL ENTITY

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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X\$ 9=	
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